BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 95-1207-E - ORDER NO. 2001-917

SEPTEMBER 6, 2001

IN RE:	Application of Duke Power for Remote Meter Reading and Usage Data Service.	))	ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke or the Company) for approval of Duke's revised Remote Metering and Usage Data Service Schedule and Service Agreement. According to Duke, the Schedule and Agreement are being revised to permit customers who currently receive remote meter reading services through another program, rate schedule or otherwise, to contract for a one-year term instead of a three-year term to receive service under option C, Monthly Usage Data Reports, only. The three-year term of contract currently required is based primarily upon the incremental cost of special metering required to provide service options A and B and will continue to remain in effect for customers who select these services. Duke states that it has had numerous requests from customers who already receive remote meter reading services to receive usage data reports from Duke; however, these customers are interested in a shorter term agreement. The recovery of the cost to provide service option C to these customers will not be impacted by the shorter term agreement, according to Duke.

We have examined the proposed modification to the Schedule and Agreement in question, and hold that it should be approved as filed. We believe that the modification

will be useful to the described class of Duke customers who want a shorter term agreement. The Company shall furnish ten (10) copies of the modified Schedule and Agreement and any other relevant materials within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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